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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PRIVATE RHODESIAN GROUP SEEKS NKOMO -
INTERNAL NATIONALIST BRIDGE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH SIR DAVID SCOTT THIS MORNING
(FEB. 25) HE SAID A DELEGATION REPRESENTING AN ORGANIZATION
HEADED BY A MR. (FNU) TRACY HAD COME FROM SALISBURY TO SEE
HIM YESTERDAY. HE DESCRIBED THIS ORGANIZATION AS HIGHLY
MOTIVATED GROUP ENGAGED IN TRAINING RHODESIAN BLACKS FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATING RHODESIAN WHITES TO ACCEPT FACT
THAT BLACK MAJORITY RULE IS INEVITABLE. (HE SAID MR. TRACY
IS WELL KNOWN TO STEVE LOW). PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT
WAS TO EXPLAIN THEY ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH BRIDGE BETWEEN
NKOMO AND INTERNAL NATIONALISTS LEADERS WITH A VIEW TO
GETTING NKOMO TO JOIN THE SALISBURY EXERCISE. ACCORDING
TO SCOTT, THE ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING TO SEND A

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DELEGATION TO LUSAKA IF THEY CAN WORK OUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
TO SPEAK WITH NKOMO. THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE CONTACT WITH STEVE
LOW. SCOTT STRESSED THIS IS STRICTLY A PRIVATE INITIATIVE
AND HE HAD NO IDEA HOW SUCCESSFUL IT MIGHT BE. IN RESPONSE
TO MY QUESTION AS TO PROSPECTS FOR PERSUADING NKOMO TO
JOIN THE SALISBURY EFFORTS, SCOTT REPLIED HE DID NOT THINK THEY
WERE VERY GOOD BUT TRACY GROUP WANTED TO MAKE THE EFFORT.

2. I REPORT THIS TO ALERT DEPARTMENT AND STEVE LOW THAT
TRACY GROUP MAY ARRIVE IN LUSAKA AND MAY BE ACTING AS
VEHICLE FOR SOME BRITISH INITIATIVE.
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